



## Wallace S. Wikoff

August 16, 2015

Wallace Samuel Wikoff, 98, of Minneapolis, MN, died peacefully on Sunday, August 16, 2015 at Episcopal Church Home in St. Paul, MN. Wally was born to William and Hulda (Lake) Wikoff on November 9, 1916 in DeSoto, IA. He graduated from Minneapolis West High School in 1934 and received a Bachelor's Degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota in 1939. He was also a member of the U of M Pershing Rifle drill team. On June 20, 1942 Wally married Phyllis M. Ireland in Minneapolis. He worked for over 20 years as a reporter/photographer for newspapers in Minneapolis; Cairo, IL; Albert Lea, MN; and Madison, WI. Following that, he had a variety of public relations jobs.

Wally was always involved in his local community, including the Optimist Club, the Wisconsin State Spelling Bee and Soap Box Derby, and serving on the Monona, WI school board. He loved reading, telling stories, traveling, and spending time at the family cabin. He was a collector of trivia and created fantasy characters and tales to entertain his children and grandchildren. He was a gifted artist who created numerous oil paintings, pen and ink drawings, water colors, and wood burnings for family and people he knew and liked. He went out of his way to make people smile.

Wally is survived by his wife of 73 years, Phyllis; 3 children: son Lee (Sherry) of Edina, MN, daughter Sharon Shou of Camarillo, CA, and daughter Kay

Brooks (Jim) of New Richmond, WI; 6 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by son-in-law, James Kouping Shou, and granddaughter, Ashley Brooks-Danso, his parents; and 2 brothers, Hugh and Howard.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned of Mr. Wikoff's death and know that it has been a real loss to all of you who loved him. He came up to a rural school in Mauston to cover my state spelling champ win in 1957. He was friendly, cheerful, kind, and always curious and ready to put together a good story. He was one of the first outside influences in my life and as good an influence as I ever could have hoped for. I wish you joy in his memory as remembering him has brought me joy today.

Donna Sherwood - October 14, 2017 at 11:03 AM

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“ We remember the walks Wally and Phyllis shared at Crosslake. Often came down our road and always had time to visit. They have been, and will continue to be missed. The world could use a lot more people like him.  
Dick and Joan Phillips

Dick and Joan Phillips - August 27, 2015 at 12:37 PM

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“ Stephanie & Alan Gordon sent a virtual gift in memory of Wallace S. Wikoff



Stephanie & Alan Gordon - August 22, 2015 at 07:20 PM